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North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

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The Honorable Donald L. Evans
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: Countervailing Duty and Anti-Dumping Investigations into Hard Red Spring Wheat
and Durum Wheat from Canada

Dear Secretary Evans:

We are writing to express our appreciation of your department's investigation into the unfair trade practices engaged by the Government of Canada and the Canadian Wheat Board. As your investigations into the Canadian governmental subsidies and the Canadian Wheat Board's dumping of its wheat into the U.S. market enter their final stages, we are requesting your assistance that this matter will receive the full attention and necessary resources of your Department.

Aggressive and strong action will be needed to resolve this matter. You have the opportunity to further the work that Ambassador Zoellick undertook in his Section 301 investigation and to send a strong message to Canada that it is time for them to come to the negotiating table and offer true and meaningful reform of the Canadian Wheat Board, or finally abide by applicable U.S. trade laws.

As you certainly know, agriculture is a major aspect to our state economies, and our wheat farmers are adamant in their support of the various ongoing trade actions, which seek to level the playing field. Thus, we will be watching the outcome of these investigations with much interest and concern. Mr. Secretary, our wheat farmers have suffered injury at the hands of the Canadian Wheat Board.

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It is time to resolve this trade dispute and to provide relief for our wheat farmers. We are thankful for what this Administration has done to date and hope that you will continue to show the necessary resolve needed to bring this matter to a fair conclusion for our farmers.

Sincerely,

/s/
John Hoeven, Governor
North Dakota

/s/
Judy Martz, Governor
Montana

/s/
Mike Johanns, Governor
Nebraska

/s/
Mike Rounds, Governor
South Dakota

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The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick
The Honorable Andrew H. Card, Jr.
The Honorable Deanna Tanner Okun